

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Patrick W. Giralдин, et al.
Title: SYSTEM FOR REAL-TIME LOCATION
OF PEOPLE IN A FIXED ENVIRONMENT
Appl. No.: 09/992,668
Filing Date: November 13, 2001
Examiner: Jeffrey J. Piziali
Art Unit: 2629
Confirmation No.: 8492

REPLY

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 13, 2006, a restriction has been required to one of the two following species: Specie I for a method for tracking in real-time the location of a group of members within a defined environment, comprising separately tracking the members only as needed/requested within the environment.

Specie II for a method for tracking in real-time the location of a group of members within a defined environment, comprising separately tracking the members via continuous monitoring.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction. Applicant believes that the two species are directed to similar and closely

related subject matter, and that no separate search need be required. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are earnestly requested.

Notwithstanding the foregoing traverse of the requirement for restriction, Applicant provisionally elects Specie II. The claims readable on Specie II are as follows: 4-40, with claims 39 and 40 being generic to both Specie I and Specie II.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are earnestly solicited.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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